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Regional disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the establishment of internationally recognized nuclear-weapon-free zones, with due regard to the specific characteristics of each region and on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at by the States of the region concerned, can play an important role in promoting regional and global peace and security,

Welcoming the Treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok, Pelindaba as well as Almaty Declaration on the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones and similar initiatives in the respective regions,

Noting the sovereign resolve of the States of Central and Eastern Europe to contribute to, and benefit from, the new European security architecture based, *inter alia*, upon the principles of democracy, civilian control over the military, good-neighbourly relations as well as cooperation with and accession to the Euro-Atlantic structures,

Welcoming that, as a result of the historic events of the past few years leading to enhancement of the atmosphere of trust, mutual respect and partnership among European States, the nuclear weapons were withdrawn from the territories of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine and currently there are no nuclear weapons stationed in the territories of Central and Eastern European States,

Taking note also of the statement of Ministerial North-Atlantic Council Meeting, on 10 December 1996 and confirmed by the Heads of States or Governments of NATO countries in Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between Russian Federation and the North-Atlantic Treaty Organization on 27 May 1997, that NATO countries have no intention, no plan, and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of new members,

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Welcoming efforts to enhance stability and security in Central and Eastern Europe through building a new regional security architecture based on cooperation, shared values and without creating new dividing lines,

1. *Urges* all the concerned States to exert efforts to continue making it possible to have no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of the non-nuclear States of the region of Central and Eastern Europe;

2. *Calls upon* all States of Central and Eastern Europe and other States concerned to continue to abide by their nuclear non-proliferation obligations under existing multilateral and bilateral agreements;

3. *Decides* to consider implementation of the present resolution at its fifty-fifth session under the item entitled "General and Complete Disarmament".